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## Statement by Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper

Today, President Obama nominated two outstanding military officers to serve in key positions in the Intelligence Community. On behalf of the entire Intelligence Community, I congratulate them on their nominations.

Army Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn has been nominated for reappointment to the rank of lieutenant general and reassignment as the next director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Lt. Gen. Flynn is currently serving as the ODNI's assistant director of national intelligence for partner engagement.

Army Maj. Gen. Theodore C. Nicholas who is currently serving as the deputy director of the Signals Intelligence Directorate at the National Security Agency, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and reassignment into Lt. Gen. Flynn's current job at ODNI.

These two outstanding military leaders and intelligence professionals have the skill and dedication necessary to continue to transform the Intelligence Community. Upon their confirmation by the Senate, I look forward to working with Lt. Gen. Flynn and Maj. Gen. Nicholas on our nation's most challenging intelligence issues.